

JANUARY 16, 1868.

for Sale.

OR SALE.  
CLARETS  
200 boxes 1861, Chate  
X, d'Ysan.  
200 boxes 1862, Chate  
Leoville.  
200 boxes 1858, Chate  
Margaux.  
MILCHERS & Co.,  
December 17, 1867.

OR SALE.  
one BUTTER, in tins,  
and by the pound.  
main CHEESE, ANCHO-

RKS, RODATZ & Co.,  
November 24, 1867.

CAM COALS.  
are, or deliverable on Board  
Condenser West Hartley  
West Hartley, Straker's  
engware Marthys.  
OB. S. WALKER & Co.,  
March 16, 1866.

OR SALE.  
T. & C. CHAMPAGNE  
's HOCK & MOSELLE  
SHERRY and PORT  
W. WHISKEY.  
e's BRANDY.  
e's draught and bottle  
WINE'S STOUT  
P. POUER.  
S. WALKER & Co.,  
November 20, 1867.

OR SALE.  
FOUNDRY & MACHINE  
STEET COPPER, 30 by 60  
CUCUM GAUGES.  
ES, all sizes.  
RE.  
IRON ON sizes.  
THORNycroft BOILER  
TTS.  
Also  
ENTRIFUGAL PUMPS  
Duck purposes  
ILLINGWORTH & Co.,  
November 6, 1867.

x Mail Steamer, the  
ARTICLES suitable for  
AS PRESENTS, &c.

Perfume DISPENSER  
FLOWERS.  
TUMES and PERFUME  
new PERFUMES.

NG.  
Scents CASE.

ES in Leather, Tortoise  
and Cases.

NTAINS.

CRACKERS.

new NOVELTIES of the

ODIA DISPENSARY,

ember 16 1867. 31s.

OR SALE.  
known as ALMACK PLACE  
range of Eighty-three feet  
and Twenty-nine feet of Acre  
comprising a superficial area  
square feet. Annual Ground  
particulars, apply to:

B. LIVINGSTON & Co.,  
January 24, 1864.

OR SALE.  
t of Superior Old PORT  
Cy Sandeman, Oporto,  
DEJA.

AGNE COGNAC  
for Hungarian WINES.

W.M. PUSTAU & Co.,  
August 6, 1867.

THE UNDERSIGNED  
GMS and other Musical  
INENTS.

el's SONGS: Pianoforte

other STRINGS, &c., &  
TS tuned and repaired.

C. WAGNER.

Hollywood, Redd  
ust 2, 1867. 24s.

OR SALE.  
Adolphe Collins  
& Co.'s Association Vins.

Chateau Margaux  
at Bagno.

Espagne Durac.

nessy's and Martel's it

ETER in bottle:  
ts) in kegs.

Iron COLUMNS, Yellow  
with NAILS.

GLAS LAPRAIK & Co.,  
ember 11, 1867.

OR SALE.  
METAL, 20/28 oz. and

LILLIAD, WISE & Co.,  
ember 14, 1867.

OR SALE.  
lids Arrived.

cheese.

Do.

nta BUTTER.

in Hamberg Mess PORK.

the HAMS, at

RT, ATKINSON & Co.,  
ember 20, 1867.

OR SALE.  
PROPERTY on Queen's  
ely occupied by Messrs.

& Co.,

icitlars, apply to:

ITH, ARCHER & Co.,  
ember 2, 1867.

RANDY in 1 doz. each.

HERRY " 3 "

ORT " 2 "

LARET " 1 "

BIRLEY & Co.,  
ember 9, 1867.

ed by CHARLES ARABAHAN  
ator, at No. 3, Wyndham  
Hongkong.

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HONGKONG, FRIDAY, JANUARY 17TH, 1868.

# MAIL.

日三十月二十年卯丁治同

PRICE, \$24 PER ANNUM.

AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON.—F. ALCOCK, 11, Clement's Lane,  
Lombard Street, GEORGE STREET, 30,  
Cornhill, GORDON & GOTCH, 121, Hol-  
born Hill, E.C.

AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW  
ZEALAND.—GORDON & GOTCH, Mel-  
bourne and Sydney.

SAN FRANCISCO and American Ports  
generally.—WHITE & BAUER, San  
Francisco.

CHINA.—Swallow, Drown & Co., Amoy;

Globe & Co., Foochow, Thompson &  
Co., Shanghai; H. Fong & Son, Mac-  
ao; C. Kartt & Co.

FRANCE.—Bottomley & Co., Paris.

GERMANY.—F. H. M. BOSMAN,  
Netherlands Consul.

ITALY.—Official Notifications.

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## Notices to Consignees.

S. S. "ARRATOON APOR," from CALCUTTA.  
CONSIGNNEES OF COTTON by the above  
Steamer are hereby informed that the same is being landed and stored in the Godowns of the Undersigned at the vessel's expense but at Shippers' Risk; and will be ready for delivery on and after the 14th instant.

All Cotton not taken delivery of before the 18th instant will be charged Godown Rent for at 10 cents per bale per month.

Consignees of OPIUM and SALT-PETRE are requested to take immediate delivery of their Cargo, otherwise it will be landed and stored at their risk and expense.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.  
Hongkong, January 11, 1868. 1a/8

## NOTICE.

CONSIGNNEES of Cargo per Company's steamship "DONNAZI" are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for counter signature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods before the 7th instant, or they will be landed and stored at their risk and expense.

C. BERTRAND, Principal Agent.  
Hongkong, January 6, 1868.

## Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.  
WE have authorized Mr CLAUS BUDDY to sign our Firm from this date.  
DREYER & Co.  
Hongkong, January 1, 1868.

NOTICE.  
THE Business will in future be carried on by Mr Z. BARTON under the Name or Style of JAMESON & BARTON; as heretofore.  
JAMESON & BARTON.  
Hongkong, January 2, 1868.

NOTICE.  
All my Engagement ceases in May next, all outstanding Accounts for the past Two Years must be sent in immediately for payment.

MARY HASTELow RANDLE,  
Superintendent.  
Diocesan School,  
Hongkong, January 2, 1868. 16m

NOTICE.  
Mr. THOMAS PYKE has this day been admitted a Partner in our Firm.  
BIRLEY & Co.  
Hongkong, January 2, 1868.

NOTICE.  
The Business of the Undersigned will be carried on at Puddar's Hill, Mr EDMUND R. HOLMES having retired from the same.

GEO. HOLMES,  
Ship and General Broker.  
Hongkong, January 2, 1868.

NOTICE.  
MESSRS. H. P. M. WACHTELs and H. ALPHE OERTMANN ceased to be Partners in our Firm since the 31st December ultimo.

GAYMANS & Co.  
Nagasaki, January 1, 1868. 1m

NOTICE.  
Mr RYLE HOLME has been admitted a partner in our Firm.

GLOVER & Co.  
Nagasaki, January 1, 1868.

NOTICE.  
THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr A. D. MITCHELL in our Firm, ceased on the 31st day of December, 1867.

A. FERGUSON & Co.  
Hongkong, January 3, 1868.

NOTICE.  
FROM and after this date Mr George F. BOWMAN will act as AGENT of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company at this Port.

S. L. PHELPS,  
Agent.  
Hongkong, August 15, 1867.

NOTICE.  
THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr MEHALLY DHURUMSBYROY, in our Firm ceased on the 15th instant, and the said Firm will be continued under the style of SHERIFF & Co. in Bombay, instead of VALLY MAROMED ALLOOBERRY as heretofore.

SHERIFF & Co.  
Hongkong, December 31, 1867. 31m

NOTICE.  
MY Business, as Ship and Insurance Broker, Commission Agent, &c. hitherto carried on by myself, will henceforward be conducted under the style of Firm of J. S. HOOK, Son & Co.

J. S. HOOK.  
Hongkong, September 23, 1867.

NOTICE.  
THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr A. FERGUSON in our Firm ceased on the 1st day of November, 1866.

A. FERGUSON & Co.  
Hongkong, December 16, 1867. 10-08

NOTICE.  
I HAVE this day commenced Business as Ship Broker.  
S. L. HEINEMANN.  
Hongkong, January 2, 1868. 3fe

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A. D. MITCHELL,  
J. D. MEYERS, and  
HENRY BEHRS.  
Hongkong, December 16, 1867. 10-08

NOTICE.  
I HAVE this day established myself, as Public TEA INSPECTOR and Insurance COMMISSION-MERCHANT, at this Port, under the style and Firm of GUNDRY & Co.

ALFRED A. GUNDRY.  
Shanghai, June 1, 1868.

NOTICE.  
I HAVE established myself at this port as a General Commission Merchant, under the Style and Firm of GIFFORD F. PARKER & Co.

GIFFORD FARNES PARKER.  
Saigon, December 20, 1867.

NOTICE.  
THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr W. A. STRICKLAND in our Firm ceased yesterday by lapse of time.

BOYD & Co.  
Amoy, January 1, 1868.

## Notices of Firms.

## NOTICE.

FROM and after this date, Captain J. C. SAUNDERS will undertake the business of my Marine Surveying at this port.

H. J. DRING,  
Marine Surveyor.  
Foochow, August 1, 1867. ff

## NOTICE.

WITH reference to the above, the business hitherto carried on by H. J. DRING, Esq. at Foochow will be conducted by the Undersigned.

J. C. SAUNDERS,  
Chop Min,  
Pagoda Anchorage.  
Foochow.

Foochow, August 1, 1867.

## NOTICE.

THE Partnership hitherto existing between DORINDO DO ROZARIO, ALEXANDRE MARCAL, JR. and ANTONIO DOS SANTOS in the Printing Office at Foochow was dissolved on the 12th November, 1867.

ROZARIO & Co.  
Foochow, November 16, 1867.

## NOTICE.

WITH reference to the above, the business hitherto carried on by Messrs ROZARIO & Co. as Printers in Foochow, will be conducted by the Undersigned, who have this day established themselves as Printers under the Firm of ROZARIO, MARCAL & Co.

DORINDO DO ROZARIO,  
ALEXANDRE MARCAL, JR.  
Foochow, November 16, 1867. 20fe

## HAAS &amp; HOFTZ.

General & Commission Agents,  
NAGASAKI.

## NOTICE.

THE interest and responsibility of Mr. W. C. VAN OORDT in our firm ceased on the 1st January, 1866.

ROSMAN & Co.  
Hongkong, November 19, 1867. ff

## NOTICE.

I HAVE this day established myself as a General Commission Merchant under the style or firm of VAN OORDT & Co.

(SD) W. C. VAN OORDT.  
Tokohama, October 24, 1867.

## NOTICE.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE CORPORATION.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents of the above Corporation are prepared to grant Fire and Marine Insurance on the usual Terms.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.  
Hongkong, December 26, 1867.

## NOTICE.

THE Premises situated in Queen's Road, Stanley Street, and at present occupied by Meats H. MARSH & Co.

For particulars, apply to

LAMMERT, ATKINSON & Co.  
Hongkong, ff September, 1867.

## NOTICE.

TWO New and Strong GODOWNS on Marine Lot No. 63.

Apply to

GAVIN THOMPSON,  
at GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.  
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BOYD & Co.  
Amoy, January 1, 1868.

## NOTICE.

THE Steamer "VULCAN,"

will be despatched on Thursday,

the 23rd inst., at 5 p.m.

Should sufficient inducement offer, the Vessel will also load for Hiogo, Osaka via Nagasaki.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

EDUARD SCHELLHAAS & Co.  
Hongkong, January 17, 1868.

## NOTICE.

THE ARRIVAL of the American steamer "VULCAN,"

on Wednesday, Jan. 17, 1868.

At 5 p.m. New York via Manila, Aug. 1,

Balat—Aug. HEARD & Co.

DEPARTURE, Jan. 17, Nanking, for Whampoa.

PASSENGERS, Per "VULCAN,"—Meats Buckley and Kohler.

## NOTICE.

THE MEDICAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY IN CHINA.

The Twenty-Ninth Annual MEETING of this Society will be held in Canton, at the house of Messrs OLIPHANT & Co., on WEDNESDAY, the 22nd day of Jan., at 12 o'clock A.M.

J. G. KERR,  
Secretary.  
Canton, January 16, 1868. 21fe

## NOTICE.

THE ARRIVAL of the American steamer "VULCAN,"

from New York via Manila, report—

On the 27th Sept., light winds in the North Atlantic. Passed Cape Gade on 8th Oct., strong Westerly gales off the Cape. Lost four yards. Passed Borneo Strait on 15th Nov. Left Sourabaya on 6th Dec., came up Macao, and put into Iloilo for coals. Arrived at Manila on 15th January; left there on 11th of the same, since then not with strong N. E. gales; a Spanish bark was on shore at Mintok Strait, from England bound to Manila.

W. P. SCHMIDT & Co.  
Agents.

Hongkong, October 2, 1867.

## NOTICE.

THE PREMISES situated at Puddar's

Wharf, lately occupied by Meats

Augustus HEARD & Co. Possession can

be taken on the 1st of January 1868.

For further particulars, apply to

the commonest feelings even as it is, we believe act justly is rather the coolness of the merchants than the same issue of copies the articles we contain also an account based upon a Chinese murderer, a collector of pig-dealers' must not their money, so we are in the justice of the merely in a retributive affair throws a curious power possessed by the when bribery and step in to obstruct the. There appear to be the legality of the jurisdiction of the Judge we speak only in general necessity of suppression. But it is some- this, as it is alleged, by authority has never seen the kidnappers. The thieving Rangel, with whichers may be familiar, a. That gentleman, it is to lodge information against kidnappers, and was asked by the Judge Obstacles were thrown carrying out his intention the time the tardy pre- the kidnappers had been they had disappeared. Senior Rangel, who most inconvenient sort was arrested on a charge of having been com- hurried off to prison for about a month followed the kidnappers little outstanding at their final disappearance, an episode in the case needs no comment. Portuguese government con vindicating its claims hoped that it will not solely to an enquiry, but will invite investigation against the licensees and Chinese, to strengthen their insinuations more than such Chinese authorities and of other nations in fully lend assistance covering the good op- portunity while to disregard, and "respectable" police brokers, who rely with the law, at the from complicity in the uppers at other points and if this be done, a view similar to that which the annals of high a determination carelessness or fraud of gross abuses."

DIE TRADE  
OR LEFT MACAO DURING  
1867-68.

For.	Flag	No. of Offices.
Bavaria	Aust.	410
"	"	236
"	Pork	535
"	Dut.	447
"	Span	360
"	"	290
"	"	418
Callobo	Fren	285
Havano	Span	487
"	Ital.	403
"	"	366
"	Aust.	619
"	Ital.	413
"	Pero	499
"	Ital.	633
Havana	Fren	317
"	"	267
Callobo	Ital.	498
Havano	Fren	291
"	Port.	246
"	Fren	653
Callobo	"	211
Havano	Port.	680
"	Fren	444
"	"	566
"	"	600
"	Span	316
Callobo	S. Sal.	400
Total		12,269

## OAL.

Jury. Luey-kok-fel and his committed for trial to his morning on a charge case, it may be remem- an action in the Small- tary, Mr. Gaskell, was unfeared. Mr. Wong Cheung Yeeh, in question as to the old woman, who Court cause appeared before the facts upon based by the prosector.

from a recent letter correspondent of the Telegraph, possesses some a seemingly inevitable part of all individuals of Inspector General Customs to arrive not only a portion illustration, but also all foreigners in China fitable in Mr. Robert very talented youth.

The accounts for the past year have been

audited and an abstract of them is

man considers himself firmly established in the position from which he ousted Mr. Lay. His great ambition is known to be the concentration in the hands of his subordinate commissioners of those judicial functions with respect to foreigners which the Chinese Government has been compelled to recognize as beyond its scope of action, and which are necessarily confided to the Consular representatives of the various Powers. In every "Customs" regulation promulgated by the Inspector-General a stealthy step in this direction may be discerned, and the latest autocratic device of this kind, his "Pilote" Regulations, in which Consular authority is ignored, and his subordinates are invested with uncontrolled power to fine and otherwise punish foreign pilots, besides hampering foreign shipping with heavy and unnecessary expenses, has called forth an earnest protest addressed to H. M.'s Minister, from the Shanghai Chamber of Commerce. Another step in the same direction has quite recently been manifested, in a set of regulations published at Shanghai, devised for the purpose of enabling Chinese subjects to become the owners of foreign-built vessels—a heavy blow at the coasting trade, which is now chiefly in the hands of British shipowners. These regulations are published, it would seem, tentatively, for the purpose of eliciting an expression of public opinion, as they are neither signed nor dated. Should they receive the approval of the British, French, and United States Governments, Chinese-owned steamers and sailing vessels will speedily monopolize the coasting trade, as their chief management would enable them to reduce freights far below the level that would be remunerative for foreign vessels."

## VICTORIA LIBRARY AND READING ROOMS

The Annual General Meeting of the Victoria Library and Reading Rooms was held at the Rooms, Club Lusitano, on the 15th instant. Present: Hon. C. C. Smith (in the Chair), Messrs F. W. Mitchell (unseen), Jas. Russell (Hon. Secy.), D. R. Crawford, G. A. F. Norrie, F. I. Hazelton, J. Hayes, J. Gerrard, J. J. Francis, T. W. Barrington, W. Buncombe, T. W. Wagner, Jun. The sixteenth annual report (reprinted below) was read, when its adoption was proposed by Mr. Buncombe, seconded by Mr. Gerrard and unanimously agreed to. It calls the attention of Congress to the necessity of provisions for the payment of the purchase of Alaska.

No arrangement has been made for the settlement of the Alabama claims; he fulfills his duty to decline the proposition of the British Government for arbitration, because, hitherto, it has been accompanied with reservations and limitations incompatible with the rights and interests and honor of the country. He does not apprehend that Great Britain will persist in a refusal to satisfy the just and reasonable claims which involve the sacred principle of non-intervention.

He refers to the doctrine of the United States that naturalization absolves the citizen from native allegiance. The doctrine is denied by Prussia and Great Britain; and he appeals to Congress to declare the national will uncontestedly on this question.

He concludes by suggesting the discontinuance of the stipulations maintaining a naval force to suppress the slave trade.

## AUSTRALIA.

(*Sydney Empire*, Nov. 23.)

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THE PROSPECTS OF OUR ENGINEERING AND IRON INDUSTRIES.

The Emperor Napoleon said, in his speech to the Legislative Assembly on the 18th inst., that the traces of the Universal Exhibition "will leave a deep impression upon our age." There can be no doubt of this, and nowhere will that impression be more permanent than in England. Our commercial supremacy has been hitherto in a great measure owing to our coal and iron mines; but this Exhibition appears to have taken a film from the eyes of the mechanists of this country, and they are now alive to the importance, and, indeed, the necessity, of looking more carefully to their interests in the future.

There can be no doubt that at the French Exhibition one of the most striking facts was the inferiority shown by England in its engineering and mechanical progress as compared with that displayed by Continental nations. A large amount of attention has been drawn to the subject during the past few months. It has been said in excuse that our mechanists have found out that exhibiting their tools and inventions "does not pay." This is to some extent true, and it is irreducible that England has now to face a more formidable competition for pre-eminence in engineering works than it has ever done before. Thus another element of uncertainty is placed before us, which will have an important bearing on our future commercial progress.

A writer in the *Engineer*, Mr. R. Waygood, who states that he is one of the oldest engineers in London, and has studied the subject for many years, attributes the enormous strides made by Continental mechanists since 1851 as compared with English progress in the same period, to three causes—First, Exhibitions; second, trades unions; and third, bad government. He enlarges on these points, but we have only space for the following extract from the letter—

"The reign of Queen Victoria is often called the 'benign reign.' I am sorry to think that it will turn out one of the most

now laid before you, by which you will see that a balance of \$265.69 remains in hand to the credit of the Institution.

You will now have to elect office-bearers for the ensuing year.

JAMES ROUSSELL,  
Hon. Secy.

## ABSTRACT ACCOUNT.

The Treasurer in Account Current with the Victoria Library and Reading Rooms. Dr.

Jan. 1, To balance from last year's account.....	702.32
Dec. 31, To subscriptions from 1st Jan. to date.....	1,167.00
	\$1,869.32

G. W. MITCHELL,  
Treasurer.

Advertisers F. L. HAZELTON,  
JOSEPH HAYES.

## THE NORTHE.

The following paragraph in the *Recorder* of Jan. 10th, received by the China, from Shanghai, escaped our notice yesterday. There is no mention in the *Daily News* of same date, of the reported fire at the Imperial Palace.

A correspondent in Pekin, writing per Annual Mail brought on *Post Hiroshima* from Chinkiang, informs us that a fire broke out in the Imperial Palace and that at one time the utmost consternation prevailed.

The moment the danger was discovered the Empress Dowager and the youthful Emperor were conducted out of the Palace by a private door, accompanied by numerous attendants, and were lodged at the residence of one of the high officials—it is said Prince Kung. Fortunately the flames did not extend to any great distance, and the fugitives were enabled in a few hours to return to their dwelling.

Our readers may remember that Prince Kung was disgraced some three years ago for alleged disrespect to the mother of Tung-chih; and if our correspondent is correct in surmising that it was in Prince Kung's residence that the Empresses took refuge, it would appear that all cause of ill will has been since removed.

Our correspondent also mentions that Mr. McLeary Brown is receiving a series of farewell dinners preparatory to his departure from Peking on the 6th instant. He will make the journey via Chinkiang, accompanied by the two high officials of the new Chinese and a number of the Chinese officials.

The Teahouse Yamen have addressed despatches to the Foreign Ministers, with reference to the status of the Chinese officials who accompany Mr. Burlingame. The document is to the effect that the Chinese gentlemen are novitiates in the art of foreign diplomacy, and that one object of their appointment is to fit them to represent China at the Courts of the Treaty Powers at a future date.

The document says our correspondent, "expresses a strong wish on the part of the Chinese to become better informed by Foreign Powers, and avishes a desire to enter upon a course of study, which I trust sincerely may lead to the happiness results to both China and foreign powers."

The U.S. PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

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THE DISCOVERY OF AMERICA—JOHN CABOT'S EXPEDITION.

The first discovery of the northern part of this continent has been shrouded in mystery much more profound than the accounts of the discovery of the West Indies, of Mexico, or of South America. The discovery of the Vinland brings forward the most curious questions, which will always be asked and will never be answered, as to the geography of the discoveries made by those Norse seamen, of whom the history lay so long concealed in the Icelandic literature. Lower down than that series of adventures, it seems certain that the Biscayan fishermen were, at an expense of near one hundred and twenty thousand, sent over its best guns to show what trouble they could have for doing so.

What motive they could have for doing so unless they intended starting gunnarks to the whole world? I cannot possibly see. It has, no doubt, provided a jolly time and good pay to some of the privileged ones, so that some one has had the advantage of it.

"Can we wonder, therefore, that, after all this defiant boasting and show, we find ourselves first copied, and then beaten by such plodding and industrious races as the French?"

NO STAMP ON IT.—A good joke came off quite recently at a court-house. A person living a short distance out of the village in the habit of frequently coming into the town and drinking to inebriation. At such seasons he is apt to call on his Honor, Judge M.—Recently he visited town, became decidedly tipsy, called upon Judge M., and desired the Judge to write him a pledge, asserting his intention to cease drinking. His Honor wrote the desired stamp as desired, and the tipsy individual affixed his name thereto. He then desired to have the pledge that he might take it home and exhibit it to his wife. His Honor thought he was himself the proper custodian of the important agreement, but yielded to the solicitations of the man, at the same time assuring him that if he broke the contract, and appeared before him again in a state of intoxication, he would have him locked up. A week elapsed, and the Judge was confronted by the same man as tipsy as before. "How is this?" said Judge M.—"said the tipsy fellow, "you think I am a fool? I know what I am about. I'll show you if I am a fool." And he drew forth his wallet from his pocket, took out his pledge, unfolded it, and triumphantly exclaimed: "Will you just show me the United States Internal Revenue stamp on that agreement?" The Judge caved.

MRS. HANNAH MORRIS was reproved by her husband for taking snuff. He observed she had never heard one good reason urged in favour of the practice; she replied she could give him half a dozen, and immediately repeated the following impromptu—

You say six reasons are enough. To justify my taking snuff.

First, you'll be angry in every nation.

The fashion too, you must confess,

Weigh with the ladies more or less;

When to dull company confined;

It serves to amuse the vacant mind;

It next affords us some protection;

Against the dangers of infection;

And, though it may not suit your ease,

It shows a hand, an arm, a grace;

And if you'll have another snuff,

What think you of a woman's will?

SOUND ADVICE.—A spendthrift had a fortune left him, and was advised by a friend to purchase a farm notorious for its neglected state and sterility.—"Why?" said the spendthrift, "there is not a single passable road through the whole farm?"

"That is the very reason I wish you to buy it," said the other; "it will take you the longer to run through it."

YOUNG GIRL.—A German writer says a young girl is a fishing-troll, the eyes are the hook, the smile the bait, the lover the gudgeon, and marriage the butter in which he is fished.

WHY DOES A BRICKLAYER RESEMBLE A BIRD?

Because he has often raised a wing and flew.

unfortunate epochs the future historian of our country will have to record. Our progress during this reign can only be compared to that of the spendthrift heir coming into his property, and then dissipating the whole by thoughtlessness and folly. About the year of grace 1850 England attained its majority, and came into full possession of the noblest property the world has ever seen; or perhaps ever will see. The great invention of Boulton, Watt, Arkwright, Stephenson, and other kindred spirits, all completed, and bearing glorious fruit; coal-mines, iron mines well developed, showing the enormous stores a kind Providence had provided for us—stores which, if properly used, would have served for many generations yet to come.

He expatiates at considerable length upon the evils of a depreciated currency, and advises the enactment of an impost law which will tax most heavily luxuries. He advises a reduction of the number of articles taxed, and urges retrenchment and economy in all departments of the Government.

## Post-Office Notifications.

MAILS will close—  
For SPOR, P'NANG & O'CUTTA.—  
Per "REIVER" on Wednesday next,  
the 22d instant, at Noon.

SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.—  
Per "FORMOSA," on Sunday next,  
the 19th instant, at 7.30 A.M.

MAILS BY THE "BENARES."—  
The Contract Packet "BENARES" will be  
despatched with the usual Mails for  
Europe, &c., on SATURDAY, the  
1st February, and the Post Office  
will be open for the reception of Ordinary  
Letters, Letters for Registration,  
Newspapers, Books, &c., until 11 A.M.  
of that day.

After 11 A.M. all Letters, &c., will be  
chargeable, in addition to the usual  
postage, with a late fee of 18 cents for  
each Letter and two cents for each  
Newspaper, Book or Packet of Patterns.  
The latest time for posting  
Letters at this Office is 1 P.M., and for  
Newspapers, Books or Patterns, Noon  
on the 1st February.

Exhibit late letters (but Letters only) ad-  
dressed to the United Kingdom, will  
be forwarded to Singapore, may be  
posted on board the Packet from 1.30  
to 1.60 P.M., on payment of a late fee  
of 48 cents each, in addition to the  
postage, after which no Letters can be  
received.

Sealed Boxes containing the correspondence  
of Fox Holden will be received at the  
window set apart for the purpose, on  
the East Side of the building.

All correspondence for places to which pre-  
payment is compulsory must be prepaid  
in Hongkong Post Stamps.

Inadequately-stamped Letters addressed to  
the United Kingdom will be sent on,  
charged with a fine of One Shilling in  
addition to the postage.

Letters posted after 11 A.M. will not be for-  
warded unless the "Late Fee" as well as  
the postage is prepaid.

Letters insufficiently stamped or unstamped  
addressed to places to which they can  
not be forwarded unpaid, will be open-  
ed and returned to the writers as early  
as possible, but no guarantee can be  
given that such Letters, if posted on  
the morning of the Packet's departure,  
will be returned until after the mail is  
closed.

Postage Stamps should be placed on the  
upper right hand corner of the corre-  
spondence, except in cases where they  
may be used in payment of "Late Fees,"  
when the Stamp or Stamps represent-  
ing the late fees should be placed on the  
lower left-hand corner.

All transactions of fractional parts of a Dol-  
lar will be conducted in the Coins pre-  
scribed by Ordinance 1, of 1864, and  
the Proclamation of the 22nd January,  
1864, and no other Coins, but those  
therein specified will either be received  
or given in change as fractional parts  
of a Dollar.

Payment for Postage Stamps must be made  
in the current Dollars of the Colony or  
Bank Notes.

F. W. MITCHELL,  
Postmaster General.

General Post-Office,

Hongkong, January 16, 1868. 16c.

Intimations.

SEAMEN'S HOSPITAL,  
HONGKONG.

TRUSTEES  
The Colonial Secretary,  
The Honourable W. KESWICK, Esq.,  
Geo. Heard, Esq.,  
The Superintendent of the P. & O. S. N.  
Company, (ex-officio),  
W. STANLEY ADAMS, M.D., Resident Sur-  
geon,  
Mr. YOUNG, House Surgeon,  
W. PATERSON, Esq., Hon. Treasurer.

TERMS OF ADMISSION—

1st Class (Private Room), per day, \$3.00  
2nd, " (2 Beds incl.) " " 2.00

3rd, " (Public Ward), " " 0.75

These Charges are inclusive of all Medi-  
cines and Attendants, but exclusive of  
Wines or Articles not in the recognised  
Dietary Table.

All orders for Admission to Hospital must  
be countersigned by some responsible Per-  
son or Persons resident in the Colony.

Patients are also admitted on Deposits at  
the following rates, renewable one day  
previous to the amount deposited having  
been expended:

1st Class, " " \$60.

2nd, " " 40.

3rd, " " 20.

By order, W. PATERSON,  
Treasurer.

Hongkong, January 1, 1868.

FRENCH NOTICE!

THE Advertiser, a PARISIAN, is desir-  
ous of giving some French Lessons on  
moderate terms. Address X. X., care of  
Office of this Paper.

Hongkong, September 25, 1867.

NOTICE!

THE OFFICES of Messrs ANGUILLE

"HEARD" & Co. have this day been  
removed to their old Premises adjoining  
the Cathedral.

Hongkong, December 23, 1867.

NOTICE.

THE Ship-charitable BUSINESS of the

Underwriters has been temporarily

removed to Scott's Lane, No. 33.

FRERIKS, RODATZ & Co.

Hongkong, December 9, 1867.

NOTICE.

THE Office of the Undersigned is removed

to the Premises formerly occupied by

Messrs SMITH, KENNEDY & Co., Queen's

Road.

EDWARD SOHELLHAAS & Co.

Hongkong, November 30, 1867.

NOTICE.

THE OFFICE of the Undersigned is removed

from their STORE from Praya East to

the PREMISES No. 13, Queen's Road,

Central, formerly occupied by the CENTRAL

BANK OF WESTERN INDIA.

JOHN BURD & Co.

Hongkong, 6th December, 1867.

NOTICE.

THE OFFICE of the Undersigned is

removed to GAOF STREET, Corner

of Yauhui Terrace, opposite the

REYNVAAN BROTHERS & Co.

Hongkong, January 2, 1868.

## Intimations.

OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION.

BRITISH CONSULATE,

CANTON, Jan. 6th, 1867.

THE Undersigned hereby gives notice

that in consequence of the decease of

Mr. E. L. LANG, lately British Consular

Agent at Macao, the functions of the

British Consular Agency at that Port will

be temporarily discharged by Mr. PTO MAR-

QUES, subject to and pending the sanction

of Her Britannic Majesty's Minister at

Peking, and of H. M. Principal Secretary

of State for Foreign Affairs.

The Office of the British Consular Agency

is for the present established at No. 23

Rua da Feitoria at Macao.

D. B. ROBERTSON,

Consul.

Hongkong, March 13, 1867.

NOTICE.

TENDERS are invited for the BUILD-

ING of a Granite DOCK on the

Grounds of the Company at Kowloon, of

the following dimensions, viz.—

150 feet Long.

12 " Deep.

30 " Wide on Bottom.

For particulars, apply to

J. B. ENDICOTT,

Secretary.

Hongkong, December 13, 1867.

NOTICE.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF

CANTON.

M. R. J. EDWARD having resigned the Acting

Secretaryship of the Union Insurance

Society of Canton, Mr. G. D. WILLIAMS is

this day appointed Secretary, and is autho-

ritized to sign Policies of Insurance on behalf

of the Society. The offices of the Com-

pany are now more lately occupied by

Messrs LYALL, STILL & Co.

(Signed) W. KESWICK,

Chairman of the Committee.

Hongkong, July 4, 1867.

NOTICE.

MESSRS GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

of Shanghai, Foochow and Hankow

have been appointed Agents for the Society

at those Ports.

(Signed) W. KESWICK,

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Hongkong, December 13, 1867.

NOTICE.

SUPREME COURT

AND CONSULAR GAZETTE,

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LAW REPORTER FOR THE SUPREME AND

PROVINCIAL COURTS OF CHINA

AND JAPAN.

THE Gazette is a General Weekly News-  
paper, containing Officially Revised Reports

of Cases heard at the Supreme and Consular

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sive of postage) Tls. 12 per annum; payable  
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cts. per 10 lines, for each subsequent inser-  
tion.

Shanghai, January 6, 1867.

NOTICE.

GEORGE GLASSE,

FIVE YEARS MANAGER TO

KINGSFORD & Co., PICCADILLY,

LONDON, AND 28 PLACE

VENDOME, PARIS).

ENGLISH AND FOREIGN

CHEMIST

VICTORIA DISPENSARY,

HONGKONG.

SHIPS' MEDICINE CHESTS

SUPPLIED & REFINED.

Hongkong, May 1, 1867.

NOTICE.

WANTED by a YOUNG MAN, a situ-  
ation as Clerk or Book-keeper. A

nominal salary would be accepted, immediate

employment being a greater object.

Highest reference can be given.

Address "R," China Mail Office.

Hongkong, December 27, 1867.

NOTICE.

SHIPSMITH'S WORK